

History of Thomas Edward Orgill.  
(Father of Mark Orgill)

Thomas Edward Orgill came to America in the 148'th Company, on the Steamship Colorado; which sailed from Liverpool, England, on Tuesday, July, 14, 1868, having on board a company of saints, Numbering 600 souls.

Before starting, a meeting was held on deck when Apostle Franklin D. Richards, President of the European Mission, addressed the Saints; exhorting them to cleanliness, order, and forbearance, and obedience to proper authority. He explained that this was the last company of saints for the season, emigrating to Zion, and it swelled the number of emigrants for the year to about 3,170 souls.

Elder William B. Preston was appointed President of the company and Elder Charles W. Penrose dedicated the ship. The following named returning missionaries took passage on the Colorado;- Elder William B. Preston, Luke Miner, Griffith Roberts, Moses Thatcher, Richard Denson, Larry Wride, John D. Rees and John Barker. About 4 p. m. the noble vessel steamed out to sea, the sun shining brightly, the sky without a cloud and no sadness appearing on a single countenance except on those who returned to shore after bidding their friends farewell.

After a safe and pleasant voyage the ship arrived in New York July 28, 1868--- here the saints were detained only one hour, after which they went to the Hudson River Railroad station. Here they remained all night.

The following day July 29, 1868, about 5 o'clock p. m. the railway journey was commenced toward Albany, New York. From Albany the Company arrived safely at Denton, Nebraska August 7, 1868--with mostly emigrating saints who crossed the Atlantic on the steamship Colorado, bound for Salt Lake, arriving Sept, 2, 1868.

Additional Sources:

Death Certificates from Somerset House--Wife, Child #8&9

Husband's death--Tombstone inscription--Mt. Pleasant, Utah Cemetary

TIB Cards

Husband & Wife baptism--Woodenbox, Derbys., Eng. L.D.S. Records

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